

### **REMARKS**


The Notice of Allowance dated June 7, 2007, in which claims 1-41 were allowed, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks are submitted.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9-12, 14, 15, 17, 20-29, 31, 34-37, 39, and 41 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention, and new claim 42 is added. Applicants are grateful for the indication that the previous claims were in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of claims 1, 3, 6, 9-12, 14, 15, 17, 20-29, 31, 34-37, 39, and 41, and the addition of new claim 42, do not alter the scope of the previously allowed claims, and were made in an effort to more clearly define and protect the Applicants' invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments were not made in view of any prior art, and that the claims should continue to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-42 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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